

# CHAPTER 3

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be eligible for services through the PDD Waiver/PDD State Funded Program, children must:

1. Meet the target population criteria as follows:
  - Be ages 3 through 10 years.
  - Diagnosed with a PDD by age eight years. The diagnosis must be made by a qualified, licensed or certified diagnostician. Children who are currently eligible for DDSN under the Autism Division must meet these criteria. Diagnostic documentation must include information supporting a DSM-IV rating.
    - a. For an autism diagnosis, there must be evidence of at least two of the following: Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS), Autism Diagnostic Interview (ADI), Social Communication Questionnaire (SCQ), or Childhood Autism Rating Scale (CARS).
    - b. For an Asperger's Syndrome diagnosis there must be evidence ruling out autism using previously mentioned tools and concluding with an additional adaptive behavior scale (i.e. Vineland) and one of the following: DSM-IV Criteria Checklist/Asperger's Disorder 299.80, Asperger's Syndrome Diagnostic Scale (ASDS), Asperger's Syndrome Diagnostic Interview (ASDI) or Online Asperger's Syndrome Information and Support (OASIS).
    - c. For other PDD diagnosis there must be evidence ruling out autism using previously mentioned tools and the DSM-IV Criteria Checklist/Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS) 299.80 and the Scale of Pervasive Developmental Disorder in Mentally Retarded Persons (PDD-MRS).
2. Meet Medicaid financial criteria or provide documentation of financial ineligibility for Medicaid.
3. Assure that the child meets ICF/MR Level of Care medical criteria (as determined by the DDSN Consumer Assessment Team for this program).

When gathering information on a child, the Service Coordinator should refer to the **Recipients Special Programs Overlap Table (Info-Sheet 9)** to ensure the child is not receiving any services that would conflict with PDD Waiver services or to ensure that allowable services (e.g. CHPC) are not terminated.

Children who do not meet ICF/MR Level of Care, but meet all other eligibility requirements may receive services outside the waiver through the State Funded PDD program if funding is available. However, the child and parents/guardians must comply with all other program requirements and stipulations.

To maintain eligibility for services via the PDD Waiver or the PDD State Funded Program:

1. Services must be received within 30 days of enrollment into the PDD waiver/State Funded Program.
2. The child must receive at least one waiver service each month documented in the participant's record. A participant who has not received a documented service at least monthly shall be discontinued from the waiver. Service Coordination will satisfy the requirement of a documented monthly service.
3. The Service Coordinator and, when specified, the Autism Division must receive required documentation from the EIBI provider within the timeframes identified beginning with the first month period following the initiation of service. Failure to provide this information may prevent future services. The ABA Consultant will be required to submit the following information:
  - Program Checklist: must be submitted to the Service Coordinator monthly and demonstrate/document that drills are conducted as scheduled.
  - Data reports: must be submitted to the Service Coordinator and the Autism Division quarterly and contain cumulative graphs of target areas demonstrating progress or areas of concern
  - Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills (ABLLS): must be submitted to the Service Coordinator and the Autism Division semi-annually per the initial assessment date
  - Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test (PPVT-IV), the Expressive Vocabulary Test (EVT-2) and Vineline Adaptive Behavioral Skills: must be submitted to the Service Coordinator and the Autism Division annually per the initial assessment date
4. Proof of progress from the initial baseline derived from the preliminary assessment tool must be provided by the EIBI provider to the child's Service Coordinator and the Autism Division every six months. Lack of progress at a six month interval will initiate a 6 month probationary period to determine appropriateness and continuation of EIBI services.